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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	55	MINUS	40	15	X \$9	135.00	
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Respectfully submitted,

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Prior to examination of the application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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